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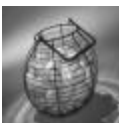
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in New York were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Regional prices were generally unchanged from the previous week. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to at times good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light with offerings balanced to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	33-42	36-39	LARGE	14-23	18
LARGE	32-41	34-37	MEDIUM	11-17	15
MEDIUM	29-38	31-34	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings about adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to ample for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-55	42-44
LARGE	35-49	40-44
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was light to good. Loose egg sales were fair to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light with offerings balanced to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42.5-51	44-47
LARGE	38.5-47	40-43
MEDIUM	32.5-41	34-37

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were generally unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady beginning the week. Retail demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to ample for a light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39.5-50.25	41-44
LARGE	38-45.25	39-42
MEDIUM	34.5-42.25	35-39

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	49-53
LARGE	47-51
MEDIUM	44-48

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	40-48	41-43
LARGE	38-46	39-41
MEDIUM	35-43	36-38

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices were 1 cent higher on large size and unchanged on balance of sizes. The market tone was about steady. The Pacific region inventory was down 13 percent, with California inventory 14 percent lower than last Monday and Oregon/Washington/Utah down 12 percent. Retailer demand moderate at best. Offerings generally in better balance with current needs.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were 1 cent higher on large size and unchanged on jumbo, extra large, medium and small. The market tone was generally steady. The California inventory was 14 percent lower than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best where featured. Offerings, although in closer balance, was adequate for immediate needs. Small benchmark price was 55.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	94
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	NOT
MEDIUM	189	MEDIUM	AVAILABLE

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 19, 2006 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 12, 2006 were 322,872 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	284,999	37,873	322,872
% change from the prior week.....	+7	-20	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light with offerings balanced to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	20-24	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-17	11-13
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices are lower compared to the past weeks trading. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8-14.75 CENTS/LB.	10-12.5	11.17	
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was light to fair at best. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.5-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.67	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAY 15, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	14.9	7.8	17.9	10.3
	Change	0.0	-0.6	-1.5	5.5	-2.3
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.8	45.0	13.1	26.4	34.7
	Change	0.7	-23.9	1.3	-0.8	-8.1
Large	Curr Wk	35.0	153.9	68.5	111.2	93.8
	Change	3.6	-28.4	-21.2	-10.8	-18.0
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	63.8	22.3	19.9	28.4
	Change	0.4	14.0	7.2	0.8	-4.4
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	7.7	1.6	2.9	3.7
	Change	0.8	0.8	1.4	-0.8	-2.9
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	34.7	10.1	11.4	4.6
	Change	-0.8	3.5	1.3	1.1	-0.9
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	56.5	28.8	40.6	24.0
	Change	-5.8	-9.3	-1.5	-2.6	6.1
Total	Curr Wk	100.7	376.5	152.2	230.3	199.5
Percent	Change	-1%	-10%	-8%	-3%	-13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1059.2	-8%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	260.7	-3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1319.9	-7%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers. No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL E PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 01, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 01, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 12, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
7.75								10.00								17.75							
SE				NE		MW						SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	—	—		—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	32.00	—		—	—		—	50.50	2.00					
GL W XL	—	—		—	41.00	39.50	—	2.00	GL W LG	35.50	—		—	—		—	41.50	5.00					
GL W LG	—	—		—	—	—	30.50	4.00	GL W MD	—	—	27.00	—	—		—	32.00	1.00					
GL BR XL	39.00	42.00		—	—	—	—	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	1.00					
GL BR LG	37.00	40.00		—	—	—	—	1.75															
GL BR MD	32.00	35.00		—	—	—	—	.50															
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	—	—	3.00															

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/08/06-05/12/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
144.00								61.00								205.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	19.50	20.00		18.50	21.00		—	GL W J	42.00		—		—		47.50	GL W XL	30.45	36.00			—		—
GNR BR 1		32.00					—	GL W XL	30.45	36.00			—		—	GL W LG	29.88	35.86		42.50		41.06	30.75
GL W J				32.50	35.00	40.33		GL W LG	29.88	35.86			42.50		—	GL W MD	27.17		26.50	33.00		32.29	11.50
GL W XL		29.67		30.17	33.27	33.33	24.15	GL W MD	27.17			26.50	33.00		—	GL BR LG							1.00
GL W LG		28.71		31.33	28.44	28.05	24.52	GL BR LG							—	NRBS - 48	18.00						1.00
GL W MD	30.67	28.00		23.13	28.00	21.57	21.63	NRBS - 48	18.00						—	NRBS - 45				33.75		33.00	6.00
GL W SM	24.50	26.50		20.83	23.00	16.33		NRBS - 45					33.75		—								
GL BR XL	39.00	42.00																					
GL BR LG	37.00	40.00		42.00																			
GL BR MD	32.00	35.00																					
NRBS - 50							22.50																
NRBS - 48	19.00	20.00			22.00	21.80	21.68																
NRBS - 45						21.63	17.00																
NRBS - 39						10.75	12.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.  
THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.  
NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/08/06	05/01/06	05/09/05
PACIFIC COAST	102	80	183
LOS ANGELES	98	76	183

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady. Supplies are available.  
Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A,  
WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	60.86
LARGE	55.86
MEDIUM	52.86
SMALL	44.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Period: 02/05/2006 - 02/11/2006

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	346	346
Arkansas	0	780	2,400	3,180
Colorado	0	0	2,940	2,940
Iowa	6,250	1,680	63,304	71,234
Maine	0	0	2,310	2,310
Michigan	0	0	7,424	7,424
Minnesota	4,330	3,015	10,198	17,543
Missouri	615	0	8,940	9,555
Montana	0	0	876	876
Nevada	0	0	1,470	1,470
North Carolina	648	0	1,650	2,298
Ohio	0	0	3,925	3,925
Oregon	2,663	72	0	2,735
Texas	0	0	8,034	8,034
Utah	1,470	1,490	7,686	10,646
Virginia	0	0	810	810
Washington	1,096	615	0	1,711
Wisconsin	0	900	2,175	3,075
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17,072</b>	<b>8,552</b>	<b>124,488</b>	<b>150,112</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	<b>17,072</b>	<b>8,552</b>	<b>124,488</b>	<b>150,112</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Period: 02/12/2006 - 02/18/2006

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,930	1,930
Arkansas	0	840	3,060	3,900
Colorado	0	0	2,192	2,192
Illinois	120	0	1,144	1,264
Iowa	12,020	0	112,715	124,735
Maine	0	0	3,180	3,180
Michigan	0	840	16,208	17,048
Minnesota	9,635	3,725	17,896	31,256
Missouri	0	0	32,167	32,167
Nevada	0	0	810	810
New Hampshire	0	0	3,165	3,165
North Carolina	2,101	2,270	14,031	18,402
Ohio	0	0	6,690	6,690
Oregon	5,771	998	0	6,769
South Dakota	0	0	720	720
Texas	0	0	5,241	5,241
Utah	3,000	4,050	14,139	21,189
Virginia	0	2,250	810	3,060
Washington	3,689	210	0	3,899
Wisconsin	0	0	595	595
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>36,336</b>	<b>15,183</b>	<b>236,693</b>	<b>288,212</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	<b>36,336</b>	<b>15,183</b>	<b>236,693</b>	<b>288,212</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Period: 02/19/2006 - 02/25/2006

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	170	170
Arkansas	0	0	1,560	1,560
Colorado	0	0	942	942
Iowa	3,930	0	36,681	40,611
Michigan	0	0	2,524	2,524
Minnesota	3,030	1,365	9,588	13,983
Missouri	0	0	6,412	6,412
North Carolina	0	0	1,560	1,560
Ohio	0	1,620	2,370	3,990
Oregon	2,556	0	0	2,556
Texas	0	0	780	780
Utah	0	1,440	4,917	6,357
Washington	969	90	0	1,059
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,485</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>67,504</b>	<b>82,504</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	<b>10,485</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>67,504</b>	<b>82,504</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Period: 02/26/2006 - 03/04/2006

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	134	134
Colorado	0	0	2,596	2,596
Indiana	0	0	809	809
Iowa	4,448	780	44,615	49,843
Maine	0	0	600	600
Michigan	0	1,680	6,406	8,086
Minnesota	4,560	1,410	8,790	14,760
Missouri	0	0	11,290	11,290
Montana	0	0	631	631
Nevada	0	0	780	780
New Hampshire	0	0	1,650	1,650
North Carolina	1,293	0	4,190	5,483
Ohio	0	0	840	840
Oregon	2,909	660	0	3,569
Texas	0	0	2,358	2,358
Utah	1,500	560	4,710	6,770
Virginia	0	750	0	750
Washington	1,010	227	0	1,237
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,720</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>90,399</b>	<b>112,186</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	<b>15,720</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>90,399</b>	<b>112,186</b>